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Fraudulent document vendor pleads guilty to 7 counts in false IDs case
Illegal alien faces up to 69 years in prison and a \$2 million fine

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — A Dubuque man who sold hundreds of false identity documents to illegal aliens pleaded guilty here today to seven counts involving counterfeit identity documents. This guilty plea resulted from an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Jorge Antonio Dominguez-Cervantes, 46, a citizen of Mexico, was convicted of one count of producing false identification cards; one count of producing false immigration documents; two counts of possessing false identification of another person; one count of possessing a document-making implement; one count of conspiracy to produce or falsify documents; and one count of money laundering. Dominguez-Cervantes also agreed to forfeit \$12,000 in proceeds of his illegal activity, and the document-making equipment ICE agents seized while searching his apartment March 15.

“The actions of Dominguez-Cervantes, who profited from producing and selling false documents, undermine the integrity of this country’s legal documents,” said Michael Vail, resident agent-in-charge of the ICE office in Cedar Rapids. “Counterfeit documents pose a legitimate national security threat. ICE will aggressively pursue those involved in such criminal activity.”

Dominguez-Cervantes, along with Gerardo Uribe-Marin and Noella Moran-Rodriguez, were indicted March 26 following a search of Moran-Rodriguez’s apartment. Moran-Rodriguez pleaded guilty April 13 to possessing a false personal identification card. A trial for Uribe-Marin is set for June 12.

In the plea agreement, Dominguez-Cervantes admitted that he produced fraudulent identification documents, including permanent resident alien cards (“green cards”), Social Security cards and driver’s licenses, which were sold to illegal aliens during 2005 and early 2006. He admitted that ICE agents seized the evidence of his involvement in producing hundreds of false documents.

Sentencing before U.S. District Court Judge Linda R. Reade will be set after a pre-sentence report is prepared. Dominguez-Cervantes remains in the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending sentencing. He faces up to 69 years in prison, a \$2 million fine, and \$700 in special assessments. After he completes his sentence, Dominguez-Cervantes will be turned over to ICE and placed into removal proceedings.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Patrick J. Rienert prosecuted this case.

This operation is part of the Secure Border Initiative (SBI), a comprehensive multi-year plan by the Department of Homeland Security to secure America's borders and reduce illegal migration. Under SBI, Homeland Security seeks to gain operational control of both the northern and southern borders, while re-engineering the detention and removal system to ensure that illegal aliens are removed from the country quickly and efficiently. SBI also involves strong interior enforcement efforts, including enhanced worksite enforcement investigations and intensified efforts to track down and remove illegal aliens inside this country.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.